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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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6 JOHN VERNON FIELDS,

Case No. 3:16-cv-00298-MMD-CLB

7 Petitioner,

ORDER

8 v.

9 RENEE BAKER, *et al.*,

10 Respondents.

11 This action is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
12 2254 by Nevada state prisoner John Vernon Fields. Fields has filed a motion for
13 temporary restraining order seeking his release from custody in light of the global
14 pandemic of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus (ECF No. 52). He explains that he is
15 69 years-old and currently in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections at
16 High Desert State Prison ("HDSP"). He alleges that he suffers from several serious
17 medical issues that make him particularly vulnerable to severe illness or death if infected
18 by the COVID-19 virus. He further states that at least 1 HDSP guard has been confirmed
19 to have contracted COVID-19. Fields seeks immediate release pending a final decision
20 on the merits of his § 2254 petition.

21 In light of the emergent nature of the allegations, the Court directs a response to
22 the motion within 3 *days* of the date of this order.

23 It is therefore ordered that Respondents must file and serve a response to the
24 motion for temporary restraining order (ECF No. 52) within 3 *days* of the date that this
25 order is entered.

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1 It is further ordered that Petitioner must file his reply, if any, within 5 days of the
2 date that Respondents file their response.

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